

## **Abstract**

An articulated backplane retainer system for electronic cards containing rigid and flexible domains. A rigid domain may be connected in some embodiments to an appended rigid domain carrying a connector for additional card. Brackets borne by the rigid domain may be used for ruggedizing the card - connector - rigid domain structure. Further ruggedization may be obtained by swivel connection between a rigid domain and an appended rigid domain. To further mechanically secure and limit the flexible backplane of the invention, a chain link member is provided for connecting flexibly pairs of rigid domains.